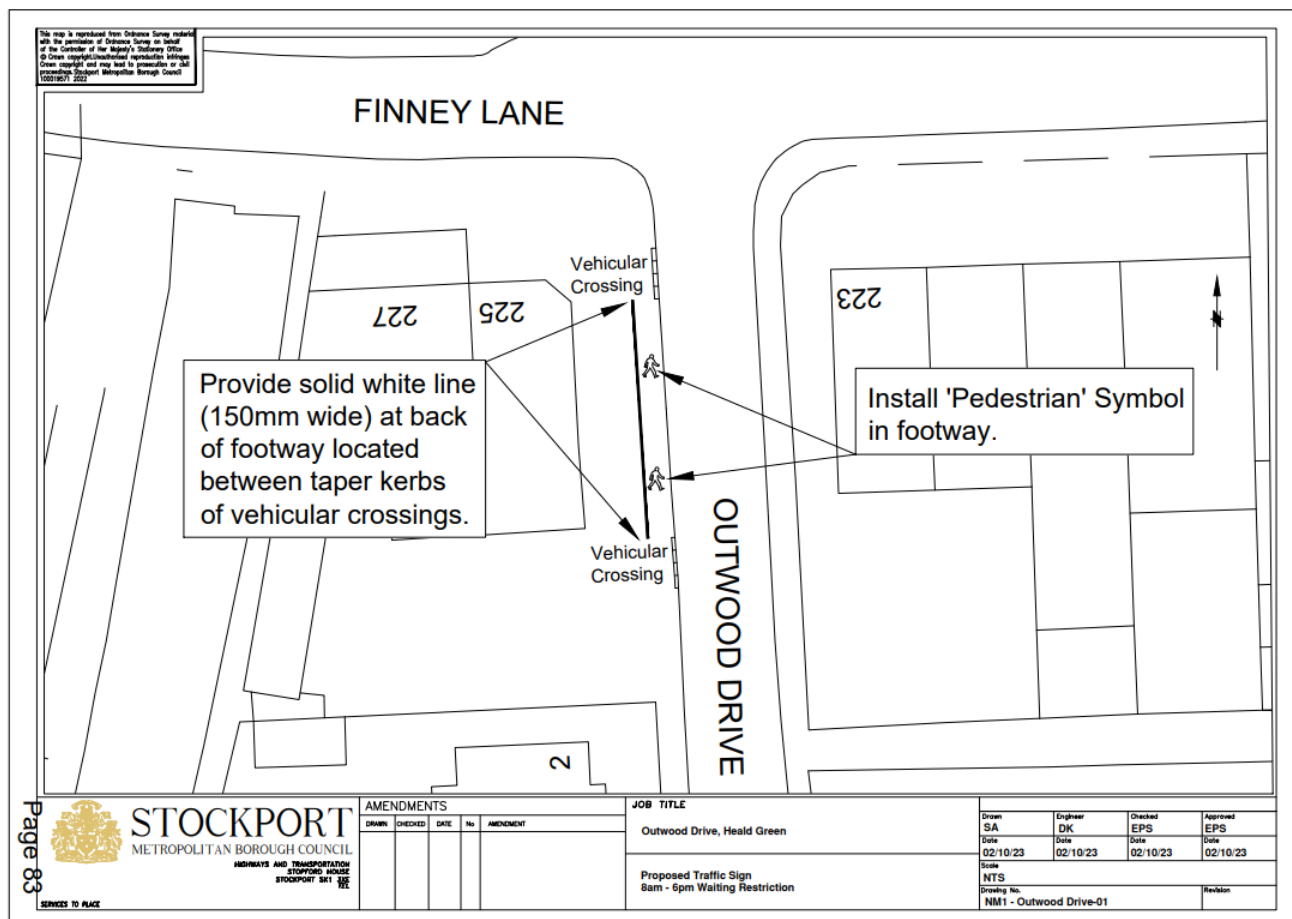


To update residents on issues of general interest to Heald Green residents, covered at Cheadle Area Committee:

There have been significant problems with vehicles parking at this location, they are causing an obstruction for pedestrians who on occasions must walk into the road to get past the parked vehicles, putting them at greater risk of being involved in a road traffic accident.

To overcome these concerns, it is proposed to introduce a trial for a 6-month period. The trial will involve the installation of footway marking to highlight the adopted footway to drivers. These proposals are shown on the attached Drawing No. NM1 Outwood Drive-01. On seeing these markings, it is hoped drivers will change their behaviours and park in a more considerate manner.



The lining will also assist Civil Enforcement Officers to carry out parking enforcement by enabling them to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to vehicles they observe parked obstructing the adopted footway as there will be a distinct line between the adopted and unadopted footway area. Loading and unloading to serve the business also occurs at this location with vehicles parking half on / half off the footway. It is anticipated that the installation of the footway markings will discourage this behaviour and encourage the drivers of these vehicles to park fully on the carriageway.

This area will be monitored for a six month period with site visits being carried out on different days and at different times to ascertain whether driver behaviour has changed. The outcome of which, will be reported back to a future Area Committee.

GMP

Councillors did raise concerns about a lack of police presence in Heald Green recently

This is the update report provided by officers from GMP regarding recent police activity:

Burglary

I am pleased to report that figures on our area remain consistently low. In the month to date there have been two burglaries across the area covered by this committee meeting. Both burglaries were the more 'traditional' smash and grab method. We have not seen any burglaries, where evidence is available, to suggest high end vehicles are being targeted. Whilst this is still two too many it is certainly very positive that we continue to move away from the levels we were at previously.

In the last 12 months Stockport district have managed to reduce burglary by 23%. That is 430 fewer victims. We have also solved double the number of burglaries in comparison to the previous year. This increased detection rate is currently the best in Force.

I would like to take the opportunity, given the dark nights are starting to draw in, to remind people to increase security measures as appropriate. This can be as simple as using timer switches to activate lights within the address whilst the occupants are out or simply making sure there are no insecurities when the address is left unoccupied.

Drugs

As a team we are continuing to work to develop some of the intelligence we have with a view to disrupting and detecting as many as possible of those responsible for drug supply in our area.

We have executed a number of positive warrants throughout the year to date. Recently we secured a conviction of one individual for cannabis production. We are also currently investigating a large scale importation offence which will likely lead to a significant sentence. As well as warrants to proactively target and reduce drug offences we have also increased our local response to retail theft. Whilst not true always, it would be fair to say that many of those committing low level thefts are doing so in order to support their drug use. Whilst many of these outcomes will lead to criminal conviction, of benefit it allows a court to impose rehabilitation of those offenders to address root causes.

Please advise your constituents to report any concerns they have in relation to drug offences either directly to us, to yourselves or anonymously via Crimestoppers.

Traffic

Working with our colleagues in the Traffic department, we have recently executed a warrant after identifying a person responsible for the 'Car Meets' that have created issues across our area, but in particular in Stanley Green and the retail park, over recent months. Dangerous driving in the area and general antisocial vehicle use I know has caused concerns for local residents. The person responsible was arrested. The investigation will now continue into this individual's involvement, and I am hopeful will significantly disrupt this activity going forward.

The use of motorbikes for anti-social and criminal purposes continues to be an issue across the district. Operation Monsoon continues to operate in order to identify and deal with those responsible.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have received a number of complaints in relation to anti-social behaviour affecting specific street in Heald Green. I am unable to comment on the issue within this forum however I will provide a detailed update to Councillors in due course. Rest assured however that we are dealing with it.

In general, we continue to work hard to address anti-social behaviour within our area. To provide you with some figures, within the last month Greater Manchester Police recorded 3106 incidents relating to anti-social behaviour. The three districts of Stockport accounted for 275 of these reports. Of that 275 our area consisted of 37 of these incidents which is the lowest amount on the division. Specific to the area covered by this committee meeting there were 24 incidents reported.

As a neighbourhood, unless directed elsewhere, we provide proactive patrols on every PM shift to target antisocial behaviour and those responsible. I believe these figures demonstrate what your beat officers are achieving.

Proposed Tree Preservation Order At 329 - 351 Wilmslow Road, Heald Green

A report on the proposed TPOs, which had been postponed pending a site visit, was postponed again until the November meeting. It was concerning to councillors that the item was not ready for this meeting.

A resident asked about the continuation of the temporary TPO, which expires on 6 November. The council will look into this matter and provide a response.